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SUBJECT: UN PRESS SPOKESMAN ON WALDHEIM'S CONFERENCE PROPOSAL

1. AT NOON BRIEFING ON NOVEMBER 30, UN PRESS SPOKESMAN MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT AS TAKEN DOWN BY VOA CORRESPONDENT:  
"THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE IN THE LIGHT OF THE EXISTING SITUATION AND NOT IN RESPONSE TO ONE OR THE OTHER OR THE BIG POWERS TOOK THE INITIATIVE YESTERDAY. IT IS TRUE THAT SYG HAD INFORMED THE TWO CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE ABOUT THE GENERAL OUTLINE OF HIS IDEA PRIOR TO HIS ANNOUNCEMENT. THE PURPOSE OF THE SYG'S SUGGESTION IS TO OVERCOME REMAINING OBSTACLES TO THE CONVENING OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, TO MAKE POSSIBLE AN EARLY COMMENCEMENT OF NEGOTIATIONS TOWARD A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT OF THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM. THE SYG HAS NOT RECEIVED AS YET ANY OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION FROM EITHER THE TWO  
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CO-CHAIRMEN OR THE PARTIES ON HIS SUGGESTION. ON THE STATEMENT THAT ISRAEL WOULD NOT ATTEND, THE SYG STILL THINKS HIS SUGGESTION IS VALID AND PERHAPS THE INITIAL ISRAELI REACTION IS NOT NECESSARILY FINAL. IT IS IN NO WAY A FORMAL PROPOSAL BY A SUGGESTION TO THE TWO CO-CHAIRMEN AND THE PARTIES. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH ALL THE PARTIES AND IS GIVEN

TO UNDERSTAND THAT ALL PARTIES ARE SERIOUSLY STUDYING HIS SUGGESTION. AS TO THE GENERAL ARAB REACTION, THE SYG HAS RECEIVED THE IMPRESSION THAT ALL THE PARTIES ARE SERIOUSLY STUDYING THE IDEA.

2. WITH REGARD TO WHERE THE PLO FITS IN, THE SPOKESMAN USED THE TERM AGAIN "ALL THE PARTIES." THE SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED THAT WALDHEIM HAS BEEN TALKING WITH BOTH US (VANCE) AND USSR. HE CONFIRMED THAT THIS HAS BEEN HANDLED DIRECTLY WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT, NOT WITH THE US MISSION. ASKED HOW LONG SUCH A MEETING AT THE UN MIGHT GO ON, THE SPOKESMAN SAID NO TIME HAS BEEN SET OR LENGTH OF MEETING DECIDED. THIS MUST BE AGREED AMONG THE PARTIES AND TWO CO-CHAIRMEN. HE ACKNOWLEDGED IT MIGHT GO FOR MONTHS AND SAID IT WAS UP TO THE PARTIES AND TWO CO-CHAIRMEN TO DECIDE WHETHER A PARTIAL MEETING IS DESIRABLE. THE MATTER OF INVITATIONS TO SUCH A CONFERENCE WILL BE A MATTER OF CONTINUING DISCUSSION. HE CONFIRMED THAT GENERAL SIILASVUO WILL BE AN "OBSERVER" AT CAIRO MEETING.  
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